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- e) Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons *for Allowance.*

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OF: Michio OSADA et al.

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE WITH
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(NOTE: THESE "COMMENTS" DO NOT TRIGGER A
REDUCTION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT!)

Dear Sir:

- 1) The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance enclosed with the Notice of Allowability includes certain aspects that must be clarified or corrected.

The Examiner's Statement refers to "a plunger fixed internal to the pot" (underlining added). It is noted that the allowed claims do not recite or imply such a limitation, that the plunger must be fixed internal to the pot, but rather that the plunger is merely fit internal to the pot.

The Examiner's Statement further says that the resin channel is to "transport resin material from the pot throughout the die cavity" (underlining added). The allowed claims do not recite or imply such a limitation, that the resin channel must be so

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adapted to transport the resin material throughout the die cavity. Rather, the resin channel must merely allow the pot and the upper cavity to communicate with each other for transporting the melted resin material.

The Examiner's Statement further refers to "the coating consisting of nickel-tungsten alloy" (underlining added). It is noted that the composition of the coating layer is defined as consisting of the nickel-tungsten alloy only in independent claim 1, but not expressly in independent claim 12, which merely refers to "a coating layer of a nickel-tungsten alloy" and that the "coating layer is a plating layer formed of said nickel-tungsten alloy".

- 2) The present claims are all patentably distinguishable over the prior art, for the reasons already of record.
- 3) Applicants respectfully request the above clarifying remarks be made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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